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#### Hospital Personnel and Equipment

1. The Vŭlko Chervenkov Hospital in Sofia is under the direct supervision of the Committee for Science and Culture, whereas other Bulgarian hospitals are subordinate to the Ministry of Public Health. Students enrolled in the medical college of the University of Sofia receive practical instruction at this hospital.
2. The total personnel is approximately 1,250, of whom only 200 are Party members. The majority of the Communists at the hospital are employed in service jobs, such as cleaning, etc. Most of the doctors are not Communists, but are tolerated because of the lack of good Communist replacements. During 1947-1949, there were no Soviet doctors at the hospital.
3. The following are prominent doctors in the medical school in the neuropsychiatric clinic of the Vŭlko Chervenkov Hospital:
  - a. Professor Georgi Uzŭnov, Director of the Clinic

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b. Professor Nikola Spasov Shipkovenski, [redacted]

[redacted] is a full professor in the medical school; chief examiner of the students, and also Chief Court Psychiatrist; [redacted] 25X1

c. Doctor Filip Filipov, [redacted]

[redacted] neurologist  
surgeon [redacted]

d. Doctor Petur Petrov, assistant to Doctor Filipov [redacted]

e. Doctor Ivan Temkov, assistant professor and consultant in the State Hospital, [redacted]

f. Doctor Gancho Savov, [redacted]

[redacted] he was appointed director of the neuro-surgical clinic in the Army hospital in Sofia; [redacted] 25X1

g. Doctor Petrana Ovcharova [redacted]

[redacted] she is in charge of the Women's Neurological Department in the clinic [redacted]

h. Doctor Kosta Zaimov, [redacted]

[redacted] chief of the Men's Psychiatric Department; [redacted]

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- i. Doctor Vasil Zelenodrivski [redacted] he is the Chief Assistant in the clinic [redacted] 25X1
  - j. Doctor Mikhail Yotsov [redacted] chief of the Men's Neurological Department [redacted]
  - k. Doctor Krustev (fnu) [redacted] works in the Out Patient department; 25X1
  - l. Doctor Sasho Buyinov [redacted] he works in a special laboratory for anatomical research, which uses cadavers and live rabbits; and 25X1
  - m. Doctor Gulubov (fnu) [redacted] chief of the Women's Psychiatric Department. 25X1
4. The following are outstanding doctors in other departments of the Vŭlko Chervenkov Hospital: 25X1
- a. Boyanov (fnu) [redacted] lecturer at the University of Sofia, is a professor in the dental clinic (extraction and dental surgery); 25X1
  - b. Professor Svrakov (fnu) [redacted] works in the dental clinic; [redacted]
  - c. Professor Davidov (fnu) [redacted] he is chief of the Dental Clinic; [redacted]
  - d. Professor Chilov [redacted] lecturer at the University, works in the Internal Medicine Clinic, [redacted]
  - e. Professor Yankov (fnu) [redacted] professor at the University, and director of the Ear Clinic; [redacted]
  - f. Professor Boycho Boychev [redacted] chief of Department "B," Surgery, lectures at the University; [redacted]
  - g. Professor Kapitanov (fnu) [redacted] chief of Department "A," Surgery, lectures at the University; [redacted]
  - h. Professor Pop-Khristov (fnu) [redacted] specialist in skin diseases, assistant lecturer at the University of Sofia; [redacted]
  - i. Professor Lyuben Rachev [redacted] specialist in children's diseases, director of the Pediatric Clinic, devout Party member; [redacted]
  - j. Boyan Mladenov Nikolov [redacted] director of Supplies and food of the hospital; and 25X1

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k. Doctor Vladimir Todorov [redacted] specialist in internal medicine at the Klementinska Hospital in Sofia [redacted] 25X1

5. The equipment in the hospitals,, such as X-ray apparatus, shock machines, diathermy machines, and fluoroscopes, are of German make. Generally, the equipment is only average.

#### Medicines and Equipment

6. The main warehouse for medical equipment and drugs for all hospitals and drug stores in Bulgaria is located at No. 24 George Washington Street in Sofia. The distribution of medicines, as well as medical care, is on the basis of Party preference, depending upon the level the patient has in the State hierarchy. The only exceptions are for personal friends of a Party functionary or of the doctors.
7. All medicines which are manufactured in Bulgaria are adequate to meet the needs of the country, but medicines which have to be imported are always in short supply. Medical equipment, such as beakers, surgical knives, scissors, and other instruments, are easier to obtain. Medicines, on the other hand, are very difficult to requisition. The Vulko Chervenkov Hospital obtains all its medicines from the departmental drug store on a requisitional basis and receives only what it requires for the day.
8. Most of the medicines used in the hospital are of German origin, obtained during World War II, and are diminishing in supply. [redacted] medicines of Soviet manufacture, such as penicillin, streptomycin, anti-blood poisoning sera, etc. were introduced in 1949. A great deal of American penicillin and streptomycin was used prior to 1949, but could be obtained after that date only with great difficulty and at very expensive black market prices. At present, Soviet penicillin is of a poorer quality than the American product is plentiful in the hospitals; [redacted] a young patient who was treated for gonorrhea in 1949 was not cured despite long treatment with the Soviet penicillin. There is no Soviet streptomycin in use at the hospital. 25X1
9. The price of medicines is generally divided into two categories: products which are in short supply are very expensive, and products which are easily available are medium-priced. All medicines are sold according to a fixed price list. In 1951, the official price for Soviet penicillin was lowered from 3,000 to 4,000 leva to only 300 leva (old currency) for 200,000 units. Lately, upon presentation of a prescription from a doctor at the hospital, patients who are emergency cases can obtain penicillin directly from the drug stores without a special permit from the Ministry of Public Health as was required in the past. If the case is not an emergency, the doctor in charge of the patient prescribes the penicillin, the head nurse issues a certificate requisitioning the necessary amounts for the day, and the drugs are withdrawn from the hospital's supply. 25X1
10. [redacted] the existence of a laboratory for the manufacture of various sera at the Institute for Public Health, located on General Zaimov Street in Sofia. Entrance to this laboratory is permitted only by a special document issued by the guard at the gate. Visitors must explain in detail their reasons for entering the factory and must provide satisfactory personal documents.

#### Admission to the Neuropsychiatric Clinic

11. [redacted] the routine for acceptance of a patient into the neuropsychiatric clinic of the Vulko Chervenkov Hospital in Sofia as follows: 25X1

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- a. The patient was accepted by the physician on duty and sent with an enrollment slip to the intake clerk;
- b. After the intake clerk had registered him, the patient was turned over to the head nurse of the department to which he was assigned;
- c. The department physician interviewed the patient and/or accompanying persons for family history and medical data;
- d. The same evening the patient was bathed and given pajamas;
- e. On the following day, samples for laboratory study (urine, blood, etc) were taken from patient; and
- f. Every morning all physicians and professors met to discuss the diagnoses of new patients; the diagnosis of the patient is presented by the physician assigned to the case; this consultation method was inaugurated in 1949 as a result of a visit by a group of Soviet doctors, and [redacted] the same procedure is followed in the other clinics. 25X1

12. [redacted] routine described below for the acceptance of a patient into the neuropsychiatric clinic: 25X1

- a. After the doctor had accepted the patient in the clinic, he appeared [redacted] with a small admission certificate signed by the doctor; 25X1
- b. [redacted] family history of the patient; 25X1
- c. [redacted] prepared the hospital sheet (bolnichen list), which is given to the head nurse in charge of the department to which patient has been assigned;
- d. [redacted] assigned a hospital number and a central files number, then entered the family history of the patient in the day book; and 25X1
- e. [redacted] entered the same information on a central statistical form; these forms are clipped together every three months and delivered to the directorate of statistics (hospital department) on Patriarkh Evtimi and Rakovski Streets. 25X1

13. The hospital sheet and the statistical forms contain the following information: name of patient, date of birth, residence (place, address, etc.), father's name, mother's name, Party membership of patient and parents, membership in the TKZS (Trudovo Kooperativno Zemedelsko Stopanstvo; Cooperative Farm), employment of the patient and parents, and whether the patient recovered or died. 25X1

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15. [redacted]

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